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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 1543

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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

MAPUTO FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP BRIEFING OF SOUTH AFRICAN
GOVERNMENT REGARDING HANDING OF TALKING POINTS TO MOZAMBIQUE
AND SWAPO.

REF: (A) USUN 1541; (B) STATE 110061 (NOTAL) (C) OTTAWA 3835
(NOTAL); (D) STATE 110064 (NOTAL)

1. CONTACT GROUP MET AT USUN MAY 16 TO DISCUSS BRIEFING OF
SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ON HANDLING OF NAMIBIA TALKING POINTS
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TO MOZAMBIQUE AND SWAPO.

2. FOLLOWING ACTION DECIDED:

(A) THAT US AMBASSADOR WHO IS SENIOR MEMBER CONTACT GROUP
REPRESENTATIVES IN CAPE TOWN TELEPHONE BRAND FOURIE ON BEHALF
CONTACT GROUP AS A WHOLE AND GIVE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

"THROUGH A MISUNDERSTANDING AND IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES, THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT WAS GIVEN A WRITTEN SUMMARY OF THE BRIEFING INSTRUCTIONS BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE CAPE TOWN TALKS. A COPY, THEREFORE, HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN NUJOMA IN MAPUTO."

CONTACT GROUP AGREED THAT IN ABSENCE US AMBASSADOR, US CHARGE SHOULD TELEPHONE FOURIE ON BEHALF CONTACT GROUP.

(B) CONTACT GROUP AGREED THAT, IF SAG REQUESTS, TEXT OF PAPER HANDED MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT AND NUJOMA TEXT COULD BE GIVEN SAG. AMEMBASSY MAPUTO REQUESTED TRANSMIT EXACT TEXT AS DELIVERED TO AM-CONSUL CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY)

3. THIS PROPOSED ACTION HEREBY REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT FOR CONCURRENCE. OTHER CONTACT GROUP MEMBERS WHO WERE MUCH SEIZED WITH URGENCY OF BRIEFING SAG PRIOR, IF POSSIBLE, TO LIKELY PRESS LEAKS ABOUT PAPERS, GAVE CONCURRENCE ON BEHALF THEIR GOVERNMENTS FOR US TO PROCEED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE WITH ACTION AGREED.

4. CONTACT GROUP BELIEVED BRIEFING OF SAG SHOULD BE KEPT AS SIMPLE AND INFORMAL AS POSSIBLE. CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS WAS PUT ON UNDERSTANDING REACHED DURING CAPE TOWN TALKS ON NON-DISSEMINATION OF PAPERS. US RAISED POSSIBLE FURTHER DISSEMINATION OF PAPERS TO SALIM AND KAMANA AT MAPUTO (REFERENCE B). CONTACT GROUP CONSIDERED THAT HIS IMPORTANT QUESTION COULD BEST BE CONFIDENTIAL

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DECIDED AMONG CONTACT GROUP REPRESENTATIVES IN MAPUTO. CANADA'S MINISTER COUNSELLOR LAPOINTE WHO KNEW MESSAGE IN REFS. (C) AND (D) EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT FURTHER DISTRIBUTION OF PAPER COULD OVER EMPHASIZE ITS IMPORTANCE. BRITISH COUNSELLOR BYATT COMMENTED THAT UK EMBASSY IN MAPUTO HAD BEEN UNDER LONDON'S INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO PASS ON TEXT TO NUJOMA.
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